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Sir:

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Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/623030 filed July 18, 2003, by Anderson et al. for
"ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH HIGH QUALITY INK JET IMAGE PRODUCED AT LINE
SPEED."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/330515 filed December 27, 2002, by Sharma et al. for
"HIGH-SPEED INKJET PRINTING FOR VIBRANT AND CROCKFAST GRAPHICS ON WEB
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Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

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The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-3016.

Respectfully submitted,

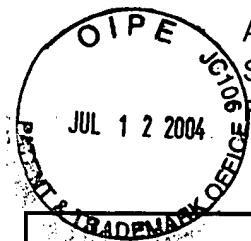
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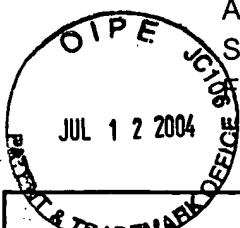
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